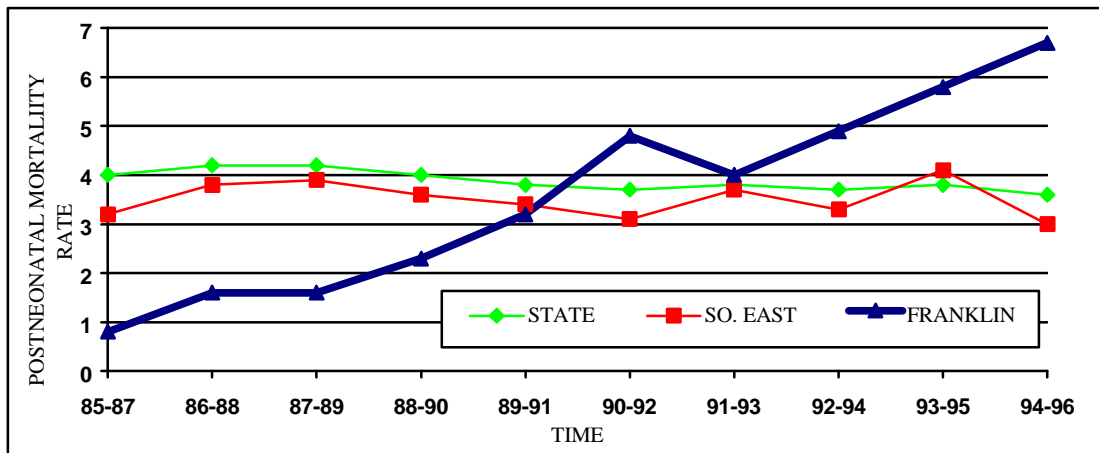


Franklin County Mortality Experience

- Number of Infant Deaths (Death of a live born infant less than 1 year of age) Per 1,000 Live Births** - Franklin County's rate, while unstable due to small numbers, has marginally decreased during the twelve-year trend. The trend is currently equal to the State and is higher than the Southeast Region. Annually, county residents give birth to about 410 babies each year of which an average of 4 will not live through their first year (8.8 per 1,000). The national "Year 2000 Objective" is 7.0 per 1,000 live births.
- Number of Neonatal Deaths (Death of a live born infant under 28 days of age) Per 1,000 Live Births** - While the trend is moderately unstable due to small numbers, Franklin County's rate of neonatal deaths has significantly decreased over the last several years and is lower than the Southeast Region, the State and the Year 2,000 National Objectives.
- Number of Postneonatal Deaths (Death of a live born infant over 28 days of age, but under 1 year) Per 1,000 Live Births** - While the trend is moderately unstable due to small numbers, Franklin County's rate of postneonatal deaths has shown a marked increase and is significantly higher than the State, the region and Year 2,000 National Objectives. The data shows that most infant deaths occurring in Franklin County do, in fact, occur after the first 28 days of life.



	85-87	86-88	87-89	88-90	89-91	90-92	91-93	92-94	93-95	94-96
STATE	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.6
SE REGION	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.3	4.1	3.0
FRANKLIN	0.8	1.6	1.6	2.3	3.2	4.8	4.0	4.9	5.8	6.7

- Leading Cause of Death for 1-4 Year Olds With Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population** - The leading cause of death for 1-4 year olds was accidents and adverse affects. The Franklin County trend is unstable due to small numbers. After a period of increased rates in the mid 90's the rate has started to decline in recent years and is currently higher than the region but lower than the State.
- Leading Cause of Death for 5-14 Year Olds With Mortality Rates Per 100,000 Population** - The leading cause of death for 5-14 year olds again was accidents and adverse affects. The Franklin County trend is unstable due to small numbers. However, the trend has primarily decreased over the twelve year time frame and is markedly lower than the State and the Southeast Region.